GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ARYA Scheme
Kalvakuntla Smt. Kavitha

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated a programme on "Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture" (ARYA);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of States in which the ARYA programme has been implemented during the last financial year and the districts which have been selected under the programme; and

(c) the number of youths which have been involved in the projects for setting up of micro-entrepreneurial units like Apiary, Mushroom, Seed Processing, Soil testing, Poultry, Dairy, Goatry, Carp-hatchery, Vermi-compost etc., the details thereof, programme/project and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, Realizing the importance of rural youth in agricultural development, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated a program on "Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture" (ARYA) during the XII plan. The ARYA project is being implemented in 25 States through KVKs, one district from each State. The list of States is placed at Annexure-I.

(c) During the year 2016-17, 3242 youth have been involved in the project for working with of micro-entrepreneurial units like Apiary, Mushroom, Seed Processing, Soil testing, Poultry, Dairy, Goatry, Carp-hatchery, Vermi-compost etc. The program wise and state-wise details are placed at Annexure-II.
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